



# The VINES Uniting Church

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**THE GRAPEVINE – 7<sup>th</sup> May, 2023.**

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## EXTRAVAGANT GENEROSITY

In Bill Clinton's 1992 US Presidential campaign the statement, 'It's the economy, stupid' became a very successful slogan. Our culture feeds us with pressures leading to greed, gluttony, envy, and pride. The biblical imperative to be generous - extravagantly so - is difficult for us to hear today. Money is still important, but what we do with it matters more. As we exercise self-control and charity we live out a richer, more gracious life.

We are to give, according to the bible, sacrificially, proportionally, gratefully, and above all, generously, because this is the proper response to God's goodness to us.

May we each give cheerfully, and thankfully, and generously, for God has given us so much more. May we also learn to love generosity as a way of life, not just a way of supporting the church.

Thank you for your extravagant generosity!

*Ian*



❖ **OUR VISION:**

*To be a vibrant, growing community of Faith.*

❖ **OUR MISSION:**

*To reach out and reflect God's Love –connecting others to Christ.*

## PURELY PRAYER

I strongly believe all churches, their activities and leadership, should be undergirded by prayer. So, with the blessing of The Vines Leadership Team I am starting a "Purely Prayer" group to pray, not only for the Church, but also for world leadership and events, illness and individual needs. Confidentiality will be paramount.

If you feel called to pray for others you are welcome to join me each Tuesday morning at 9.15am in the Library.

Eventually I would like to establish a "mailbox" system in the foyer collecting personal requests, but meanwhile all requests sent through the Prayer Chain will be included, or I can be personally emailed.

*Fiona N*



### **REV. DJP's ABSENCE**

*Reverend Ian Kitto is working .6 at the Vines for the next few weeks in Rev. DJP's absence.*

*Together we pray for God's healing touch for Rev. DJP, for the miracle of God's healing. We hope and pray that he will feel much better very soon. He continues to be treated in ICU at the Lyell McEwin Hospital and is thankful for your love, thoughts and prayers.*

*Please also pray for Ellie, his wife, and his family as they support him through this very difficult time.*

*Please be aware Rev. DJP has no energy to be able to respond to emails, or chat with people.*

## **TITHING**

Thank you for your commitment to giving at the Vines. At the leadership meeting on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May, it was decided that the collection will once again be taken up during Sunday Services, using the offering bags. Weekly envelopes can be placed in the bags.

If you tithe by direct debit and would still like to put something in the offering bag, feel free to put in loose change, or one of the tithing cards that are available in the church foyer.

## **BRIGHTON LIONS CLUB - Donation**

The Vines Church has been richly blessed by the Brighton Lions Club, who have generously donated \$2,000 to our Church to be put towards the purchase of a defibrillator, which will benefit both the congregation and the community in the case of an emergency.

We are very thankful to them for their care and generosity!

## **PROPERTY CONVENOR**

Owing to Leon's health concerns, we would like to hear from someone willing to take on this task.

Please contact Leon; 0438 292 877 for more details



## **FOOD PARCEL MINISTRY**

Thank you and God bless you for your continued support for this ministry.

This week we need the following items:

- Cereal
- Tea
- Tinned Vegetables
- Toiletries
- Or a cash donation marked "Food Parcel Ministry".
- Tinned Fruit
- Sugar
- Rice
- Soup
- Baked Beans/Spaghetti

Thank you again,  
Leon and the Pastoral team.

**Next Week: Rev. Ian Kitto**

*If you ever wonder what is discussed at Leadership Meetings and would like to know more, please ask Colleen for a copy of the Minutes. They are open to all.*

***Our goal this year:  
To reconnect  
with the  
wider community  
and show God's Love***



### **LIVE STREAMED WORSHIP SERVICES**

Each Sunday our worship services at the Vines can be accessed live at 9:30am via our YouTube channel. Please use the following link to access our services,

[https://www.youtube.com/results?search\\_query=the+vines+uniting+church](https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=the+vines+uniting+church)

After the livestream, each service will remain on our YouTube channel for watching later. They can be accessed using the same link.

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